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Report Highlights:

Germany has no commercial domestic processed sweet corn production. In CY 2003, imports totaled 92,627 MT, thereof 76,013 MT of preserved sweet corn and 16,614 MT of frozen sweet corn. The main supplier to the German market were France, Hungary and Thailand. For preserved sweet corn, the United States was the fifth largest supplier with 2,172 MT.

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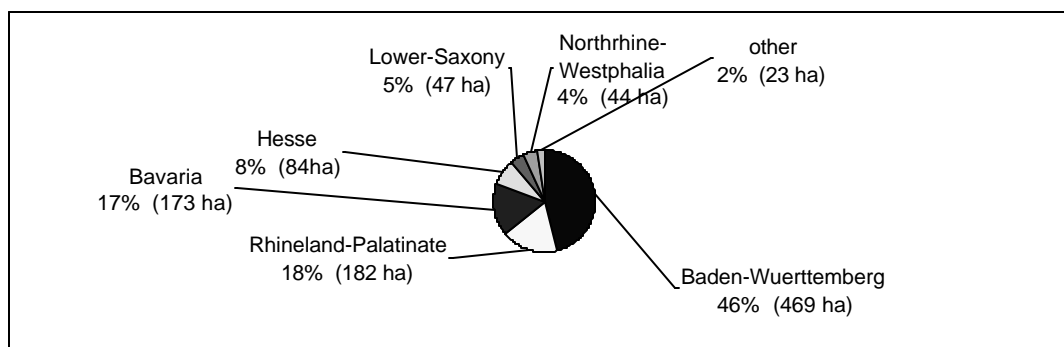
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This report covers sweet corn in tariff codes HS 0710 40 00 (frozen sweet corn) and HS 2005 80 00 (sweet corn prepared or preserved other than by vinegar or acetic acid). In line with the requirement in the reporting schedule, this report only contains import trade data and no PSD.

Production

In Germany sweet corn production is growing but is limited by the generally cool weather. Total acreage amounted to 1,116 hectares (ha) in CY 2003 compared to 1,022 ha CY 2002, and 924 ha in CY 2001. The main production area is located in the state of Baden-Wuerttemberg (in Southwest Germany). The entire German sweet corn production is consumed fresh as corn on the cob (14.2 million pieces or 142,482 MT in CY 2003).

Chart 1: German Sweet Corn Production by Region in 2002



Consumption

The calculated (from trade data) domestic consumption of canned and frozen sweet corn in CY 2003 amounted to 79,501 MT, which is almost the same level as in the previous year when it amounted to 79,635 MT. Data on stocks are not available, which makes it difficult to judge actual consumption. Generally, sweet corn consumption in Germany is increasing, as ethnic food gains popularity. Canned sweet corn is primarily used in salads and as a vegetable side dish. Most frozen sweet corn is further processed into convenience foods.

Trade

Imports

German imports in CY 2003 included 16,614 MT of frozen sweet corn and 76,013 MT of preserved sweet corn. Compared to 2002, this is a increase of 25 percent for frozen sweet corn and a decrease of 3 percent for preserved sweet corn, respectively

For preserved sweet corn, France is traditionally the main supplier to the German market; with a share of 38 percent, followed by Hungary (37 percent), and Thailand (15 percent). The United States ranked number 5 with only 3 percent of the import market or 2,172 MT. This is up from 1,587 MT in 2002 but still below the 2,810 MT in CY 2001.

The main supplier of frozen sweet corn in CY 2003 was Hungary with a market share of 64 percent, followed by Belgium (12 percent), the Netherlands (9 percent), and France (5 percent). There were no U.S. exports of frozen sweet corn to Germany in 2003. A small amount (59 MT) was exported in the first half of 2004.

For both frozen and preserved sweet corn, Hungary was able to increase exports to Germany, mostly at the expense of French and Belgian shipments. Belgian sweet corn exports consist of re-processed products, as Belgium does not grow sweet corn domestically.

Exports

Since Germany has no domestic commercial production, German exports of sweet corn are trans-shipments mainly to France, the Netherlands, Italy and the U.K. Volumes in CY 2003 were 5,228 MT for frozen sweet corn, up 31 percent compared to the previous year, and 7,898 MT for canned sweet corn, up 2 percent.

Statistical Data

Table 1: German Preserved Sweet Corn Imports by Year and Origin*

COUNTRY	2002		2003		JAN/JUL03		JAN/JUL04	
	MT	\$/KG	MT	\$/KG	MT	\$/KG	MT	\$/KG
U.S.A.	1,587	1.28	2,172	1.83	1,469	1.75	1,906	1.90
FRANCE	33,177	0.86	28,830	1.01	18,404	1.01	10,133	1.33
HUNGARY	24,744	0.85	28,091	1.00	16,901	1.00	11,851	1.00
THAILAND	11,355	0.98	11,040	0.81	6,354	0.85	7,037	0.75
ITALY	5,329	0.67	3,443	0.78	2,430	0.81	2,125	0.72
NETHERLANDS	1,029	1.06	1,716	1.21	1,015	1.21	-	-
CANADA	455	1.78	631	1.76	369	1.84	502	1.66
INDONESIA	23	0.58	24	0.67	20	0.59	-	-
SOUTH KOREA	-	-	18	1.11	18	1.13	-	-
PR CHINA	157	1.31	14	0.97	-	-	14	2.09
PHILIPPINES	-	-	12	0.76	-	-	-	-
BELGIUM	-	-	11	1.54	-	-	11	1.76
UNITED KINGDOM	124	1.45	-	-	-	-	-	-
SPAIN	70	0.78	-	-	-	-	-	-
TURKEY	48	0.88	-	-	-	-	-	-
VIETNAM	-	-	-	-	-	-	78	0.63
AUSTRALIA	-	-	-	-	-	-	13	17.20
OTHER	13	1.00	10	0.88	10	0.97	22	0.93
WORLD	78,109	0.88	76,013	1.00	46,991	1.01	33,692	1.10
INTRA EU-15	39,733	0.84	34,006	0.99	21,856	0.99	12,288	1.23
EU ACC. COUNTR.	24,745	0.85	28,092	1.00	16,901	1.00	11,851	1.00
EXTRA EU-25	13,631	1.05	13,915	1.01	8,234	1.05	9,553	1.05

- Note: Imports under HS code 2005 80 00
- Ranked by volume in 2003

Table 2: German Frozen Sweet Corn Imports by Year and Origin

Country	2002		2003		JAN/JUL03		JAN/JUL04	
	MT	\$/KG	MT	\$/KG	MT	\$/KG	MT	\$/KG
U.S.A.	-	-	-	-	-	-	59	0.75
HUNGARY	6,367	0.62	10,716	0.71	6,843	0.73	5,493	0.72
BELGIUM	1,565	0.98	1,923	1.20	1,284	1.2	1,061	1.30
NETHERLANDS	888	1.03	1,467	1.24	966	1.18	486	1.30
FRANCE	974	0.87	911	0.92	600	0.91	387	1.07
ISRAEL	636	1.20	540	1.31	37	1.78	43	1.03
SPAIN	573	0.88	361	1.07	196	1.08	205	1.17
SERBIA/MONTENEG	1,046	0.58	184	0.64	146	0.61	790	0.54
POLAND	730	0.57	153	0.56	69	0.7	98	0.63
PR CHINA	177	1.24	123	1.20	77	1.22	64	1.08
SLOVAKIA	40	0.57	83	0.59	-	-	114	0.65
ICELAND	146	0.94	72	0.93	-	-	-	-
THAILAND	57	1.30	34	1.49	33	1.35	40	1.14
VIETNAM	-	-	24	1.44	23	1.34	-	-
SLOVENIA	-	-	21	0.75	-	-	-	-
DENMARK	21	0.88	-	-	-	-	-	-
GREECE	20	0.47	-	-	-	-	-	-
AUSTRIA	-	-	-	-	-	-	11	1.47
ARGENTINA	24	0.87	-	-	-	-	-	-
WORLD	13,271	0.76	16,614	0.86	10,273	0.86	8,856	0.84
INTRA EU-15	4,048	0.95	4,663	1.15	3,045	1.13	2,154	1.25
EU ACC. COUNTR.	7,137	0.62	10,973	0.71	6,911	0.73	5,705	0.72
EXTRA EU-25	2,087	0.88	978	1.15	317	1.03	997	0.63

- Note: Imports under HS code 0710 40 00
- ranked by volume in 2003